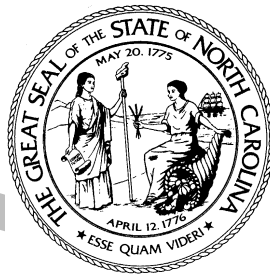


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THE GENERAL STATUTES COMMISSION

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**REPORT OF THE
GENERAL STATUTES COMMISSION
2019-2021**

TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA:

The General Assembly adopted the General Statutes as the general law in North Carolina in 1943 and at the time assigned to the Division of Legislative Drafting and Codification of Statutes of the Attorney General's Office the duty of keeping the laws as clear and concise as possible by means of continuous statutory research and correction.

The General Statutes Commission was created by the General Assembly in 1945 for the purpose of advising the Division of Legislative Drafting in its continuous statutory research and correction, in the publication of the General Statutes, and in making a continuing study of all matters involved in the preparation and publication of modern codes of law. In 1951, the General Assembly expressly authorized the General Statutes Commission to recommend substantive changes in the law. In 1981, the General Assembly expressly authorized the General Statutes Commission to receive and consider proposed changes in the law recommended by The American Law Institute, by the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws (also known as the Uniform Law Commission), or by other learned bodies.

Effective June 1, 2011, the General Assembly transferred the General Statutes Commission and its staff and the remaining functions of the Division of Legislative Drafting and Codification of Statutes from the Department of Justice to the General Assembly. The transfer was made by Session Law 2011-97. Under that session law, the Commission is located within the General Assembly for administrative purposes but continues to exercise all its prescribed statutory powers independently.

MEMBERSHIP AND MEETINGS OF THE COMMISSION DURING THE BIENNIUM

Eleven members were reappointed during the biennium. Professor Richard T. Bowser of Raleigh was reappointed by the Dean of Campbell University School of Law. Mr. Peter G. Pappas of Greensboro was reappointed by the President of the North Carolina Bar Association. Representative Ted Davis, Jr., of Wilmington was reappointed by the Speaker of the House. Mr. Marc D. Bishop of Greensboro was reappointed by the Governor. Mr. Carlton M. Mansfield of Pembroke was reappointed by the Governor. Senator Chuck Edwards of Flat Rock was reappointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate. Professor John J. Korzen of Kernersville was reappointed by the Dean of Wake Forest University School of Law. Ms. Sabra J. Faires of Cary was reappointed by the General Statutes Commission. Professor Susan E. Hauser of Raleigh was reappointed by the Dean of North Carolina Central University School of Law. Mr. Starkey Sharp of Kitty Hawk was reappointed by the President of the North Carolina State Bar. Professor Lewis Moore Everett of Durham was reappointed by the Dean of The University of North Carolina School of Law.

Two new members were appointed during the biennium. Professor Jane R. Wettach of Durham was appointed by the Dean of Duke University School of Law to replace Ms. Marguerite I. Most of Hillsborough. Professor Vanessa Zborek of Winston-Salem was appointed by the Dean of Elon University School of Law to replace Professor Andrew J. Haile of Summerfield.

Ms. Kama Bethel Pierce of Matthews served as a member of the General Statutes Commission until her term expired on May 31, 2019. Ms. Pierce was appointed by the Governor to fill the unexpired term of Professor Robert O. Jenkins of Raleigh who resigned from the Commission on September 19, 2017, due to the closing of the Charlotte School of Law.

The General Statutes Commission meets regularly on the first Friday of each month except July and August. Special meetings may be called by the chairman or by any two members of the Commission whenever the work of the Commission requires. The Commission's policies are available through the Revisor of Statutes, Bill Drafting Division, North Carolina General Assembly, 300 N. Salisbury Street, Suite 401, Raleigh, North Carolina 27603-5925; telephone (919) 733-6660; fax (919) 715-5459.

PUBLICATION OF THE GENERAL STATUTES

A 2019 replacement set of the General Statutes of North Carolina, consisting of 27 volumes plus two index volumes (volumes 28 and 29), was published in December 2019. The 27 volumes in the 2019 replacement set include two additional volumes that resulted from the splitting of former volumes 1 through 3 into new volumes 1 through 5 to reduce the size of the volumes. The 2017 replacement set consisted of 25 volumes plus two index volumes.

The 2019 replacement set contains the general laws of a permanent nature enacted by the General Assembly through Session Laws 2019-227 of the 2019 Regular Session. General laws of a permanent nature enacted by later session laws from the 2019 Regular Session were included in the 2020 Interim Supplement.

A 2019 edition of the Annotated Rules of North Carolina was published in December 2019, and a supplement was published in May 2020.

A 2020 Interim Supplement to the 2019 replacement set of the General Statutes of North Carolina, consisting of two volumes, and a 2020 Replacement Index, consisting of two volumes, were published in October 2020. The 2020 Interim Supplement is a cumulative supplement that contains the acts of a general and permanent nature enacted by the General Assembly in Session Laws 2019-228 through 2020-1 of the 2019 Regular Session and Session Laws 2020-2 through 2020-94 of the 2020 Regular Session.

A 2020 edition of the Annotated Rules of North Carolina was published in December 2019, and a supplement was published in May 2020.

A 2021 edition of the Annotated Rules of North Carolina was published in December 2020,

and a supplement will be published in May 2021.

COMMITTEES OF THE GENERAL STATUTES COMMISSION

The General Statutes Commission has the following committees of experts to assist it in work on major projects.

Trusts Drafting Committee

The General Statutes Commission originally created this Committee in 1973 to draft a revision of the trust laws of the State. The Committee's initial project was a revision of Chapter 36 of the General Statutes, containing the trust statutes of North Carolina, which was enacted as Chapter 685 of the 1977 Session Laws. Since that time, the Committee has continually provided the General Statutes Commission with expertise in the areas of estates, trusts, and property and has prepared legislative proposals for the Commission's consideration; many of these have been enacted by the General Assembly. Members of the Committee during the biennium were Professor James B. McLaughlin, Jr., Mr. J. Stanley Atwell, and Mr. Thomas F. Wiggins. The Revisor of Statutes serves as an ex officio member of the Committee.

Partition Task Force

The General Statutes Commission created the Partition Task Force in 2017 to study various issues relating to the partition of property and to make an initial review of and recommendation regarding the Uniform Partition of Heirs Property Act as approved by the Uniform Law Commission in 2010. In August 2017, the Task Force submitted a report setting out various recommendations for the Commission's consideration. Since that time, members of the Task Force have continually provided the Commission with expertise in the area of partition of property and have recommended legislative proposals for the Commission's consideration in its effort to recodify and update the existing partition statutes. Members of the Task Force during the biennium were Mr. Starkey Sharp, Professor Judith Welch Wegner, Mr. Paul Stam, and Mr. C. Thomas Steele, Jr. After considering the Partition Task Force's recommendations, the Commission recommended a legislative proposal to modernize the partition of property statutes, which the General Assembly enacted as S.L. 2020-23.

COOPERATION WITH OTHER GROUPS

The General Statutes Commission has cooperated and coordinated with the North Carolina General Assembly, North Carolina Conference of Clerks of Superior Court, North Carolina Association of Registers of Deeds, North Carolina Department of the Secretary of State, North Carolina Office of the Commissioner of Banks, North Carolina Department of Transportation, North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation, North Carolina Administrative Office of the Courts, North Carolina Bankers Association, North Carolina Bar Association, North Carolina League of Municipalities, North Carolina Association of County Commissioners, John Locke Foundation, North Carolina Credit Union League, North Carolina Home Builders Association, University of

North Carolina School of Government, North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, North Carolina Medical Care Commission, North Carolina Cemetery Commission, Private Protective Services Board, Alarm Systems Licensing Board, State Board of Examiners for Nursing Home Administrators, State Board of Examiners of Electrical Contractors, North Carolina State Board of Dental Examiners, North Carolina State Board of Examiners in Optometry, State Board of Environmental Health Specialist Examiners, and others. The Commission continues its interest in the work of the Uniform Law Commission and The American Law Institute.

The General Statutes Commission has continued its efforts to circulate its proposals among individuals and groups believed to be interested in the various topics considered by the Commission.

The General Statutes Commission welcomes and solicits recommendations from any source as to areas for further legislation. Recommendations may be brought to the attention of the Revisor of Statutes, Bill Drafting Division, North Carolina General Assembly, 300 North Salisbury Street, Suite 401, Raleigh, North Carolina 27603-5925; telephone (919) 733-6660; fax (919) 715-5459. The Revisor of Statutes may also be contacted for legislative history of the Commission's legislative proposals.

LEGISLATION RECOMMENDED TO THE 2019 GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The following chart shows bills recommended by the General Statutes Commission to the 2019 General Assembly and their disposition:

General Statutes Commission – Recommended Bill Chart 2019-2020				
Bill Number	Short Title	GSC Docket	Long Title As Introduced	Session Law
<u>HB 125</u>	GSC Revised Uniform Athlete Agents Act	DN 15-7	An Act To Enact The Revised Uniform Athlete Agents Act.	Not Enacted
<u>HB 32</u>	Collaborative Law	DN 16-5	An Act To Enact The Uniform Collaborative Law Act.	2020-65
<u>SB 729</u>	GSC Modernize Partition Laws	DN 17-3	An Act To Modernize The Statutes On Partition Of Property And To Make Technical, Conforming, And Modernizing Amendments To The Elective Life Estate Statute.	2020-23
<u>SB 556</u>	GSC People First Language 2019	DN 17-4	An Act To Update Statutes Relating To The Provision Of Services With People First Language By Changing The Phrase “Mental Retardation” To “Intellectual Disability” Or	2019-76

Bill Number	Short Title	GSC Docket	Long Title As Introduced	Session Law
			“Intellectual Or Other Developmental Disability” And To Make Further People First Language, Technical, And Clarifying Amendments In Those Statutes.	
HB 33	Adjust GSC Membership	DN 18-2	An Act To Amend The Membership Of The General Statutes Commission To Repeal The Appointing Authority Of The Charlotte School Of Law, Which Has Closed; To Provide For The Terms Of Members To Begin On September 1 Rather Than June 1; And To Harmonize Two Provisions Dealing With Vacancies And Holdover Members.	Not Enacted ¹
SB 532	Amends Probate/ Trusts/Wills Choice of Law	DN 18-3	An Act (I) To Require That, In A Living Probate Proceeding, The Original Will Be Introduced As Evidence Rather Than Being Attached To The Initial Petition, (II) To Permit The Use Of “Minor” Or “18+” Or “Adult” In Place Of The Actual Age Of An Heir Or Devisee In An Application For Letters Of Administration Or Letters Testamentary, (III) To Adjust This State’s Statutes Dealing With Out-Of-State Wills Recognized In This State On The Basis Of Compliance With The Law Of The State Of Execution In Order To Continue The Requirement That The Testator Have Been Physically Present In That State At The Time Of The Will’s Execution, (IV) To Provide For Notice That Tenancy By The Entireties Property Transferred To A Tenancy By The Entireties Trust Remains Immune To The Claims Of One Spouse’s Individual Creditors And To Specify That A Person Entering Into A Transaction Involving The Property May Obtain Confirmation From The Trustee That The Property Continues To Qualify For This Immunity, And (V) To Make Technical Corrections To The Affected Statutes And	2019-178

¹ The amendments proposed by HB 33 were enacted as Part II-A of S.L. 2019-76.

Bill Number	Short Title	GSC Docket	Long Title As Introduced	Session Law
			To The North Carolina Uniform Power Of Attorney Act.	
HB 1064	GSC Clarifying Bingo License Statute	DN 18-8	An Act To Clarify The Bingo License Statute.	2020-72
HB 264	GSC Technical Corrections 2019	DN 19-1	An Act To Make Technical Corrections To The General Statutes.	2019-177
SB 720	GSC Conforming Amends./2019 Land Use Changes	DN 19-3	An Act To Complete The Consolidation Of Land-Use Provisions Into One Chapter Of The General Statutes As Directed By S.L. 2019-111.	2020-25
HB 1072	GSC Technical Corrections 2020	DN 20-1	An Act To Make Technical Corrections To The General Statutes.	2020-69

STUDIES DIRECTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The General Assembly directed the General Statutes Commission to study the following two issues:

GSC DN 19-2 – Crimes Defined by Ordinance or Rule Study

Section 6 of S.L. 2019-198, as amended by Section 4.35(a) of S.L. 2020-3, directed the General Statutes Commission to study “the reports received [by the Joint Legislative Administrative Procedure Oversight Committee pursuant to S.L. 2018-69, as amended by S.L. 2019-198] and make recommendations regarding whether any conduct currently criminalized either (i) by an ordinance of a county, city, town, or metropolitan sewerage district or (ii) in the North Carolina Administrative Code by an agency, board, or commission, should have criminal penalties provided by a generally applicable State law.” The Commission was directed to “report to the 2021 General Assembly and to the Joint [Legislative] Oversight Committee on General Government on or before March 1, 2021.”

The Commission opened a docket on this study and spent several meetings studying this issue. This year, the Commission will file a report with the General Assembly and the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on General Government. The report will contain an executive summary, background information, a summary of the proceedings of the Commission, the findings

of the Commission, and the following recommendations:

1. The Commission recommends the establishment of a criminal code recodification commission. The Commission believes that such a commission, consisting of persons with expertise in criminal law, would be better suited than is the General Statutes Commission to study and make recommendations regarding the State's criminal laws.

2. The Commission recommends the enactment of a legislative proposal included as an appendix to the report and entitled, "AN ACT TO ELIMINATE PROVISIONS THAT BROADLY CRIMINALIZE VIOLATIONS OF RULES OF CERTAIN LICENSING BOARDS AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS IN THE SURROUNDING LANGUAGE, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GENERAL STATUTES COMMISSION."

GSC DN 19-3 – Planning and Development Regulation Study

Section 2.10 of S.L. 2019-111 (Senate Bill 355, Land-Use Regulatory Changes) provides:

If Part II of this act becomes law in 2019, it is the intent of the General Assembly that legislation contained in Part I of this act or in other acts enacted in the 2019 Regular Session of the 2019 General Assembly, or [sic] that affects statutes repealed and replaced by similar provisions in Chapter 160D of the General Statutes, as enacted by Part II of this act, also be incorporated into Chapter 160D of the General Statutes. It is the further intent of the General Assembly that legislation contained in the telecommunications provisions of Part II of this act makes no substantive policy changes from the statutes repealed.

Section 2.10 also directs the General Statutes Commission to "study the need for legislation to accomplish this intent and [to] report its findings and recommendations, including any legislative proposals, to the 2020 Regular Session of the 2019 General Assembly."

The Commission opened a docket on this study and spent several meetings studying this issue. On May 7, 2020, the Commission filed a report with the General Assembly. The report contains an introduction, a summary of the proceedings of the Commission, the findings of the Commission, and a recommendation to enact a legislative proposal entitled, "AN ACT TO COMPLETE THE CONSOLIDATION OF LAND USE PROVISIONS INTO ONE CHAPTER OF THE GENERAL STATUTES AS DIRECTED BY S.L. 2019-111, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GENERAL STATUTES COMMISSION." The General Assembly enacted this legislative proposal as S.L. 2020-25.

RECOMMENDED LEGISLATION, 2021

During the biennium, the General Statutes Commission has received suggestions for statutory changes from various sources including practicing attorneys, State officials and agencies, and from its Trusts Drafting Committee, its Partition Task Force, and its own membership. In

addition, the Commission has from time to time undertaken studies of specific areas of the law to determine the need for statutory change. The Commission reviewed all suggested changes and docketed those that it believed warranted further consideration. Some have resulted in recommended bills, and others are still under consideration.

The proposals set out below have been considered by the Commission and found to warrant recommendation to the General Assembly. A brief description of each proposal is set out and, in addition, a separate memorandum for each proposal will be made available to the members of the General Assembly.

The Commission, acting pursuant to G.S. 164-13, therefore recommends enactment of proposals in the following areas:

1. **An act to provide that in a tax foreclosure action, a commissioner's fee shall not be included in the amount necessary to redeem the real property during the period between the date of sale and the judgment confirming the sale, to remove obsolete language concerning tax lien sales, and to make technical amendments in the surrounding language.**

This proposal amends G.S. 105-374, concerning the foreclosure of a tax lien in the nature of an action to foreclose a mortgage, to provide that a commissioner's fee shall not be included in the amount necessary to redeem the real property during the period between the date of sale and the judgment confirming the sale. The proposal also amends G.S. 105-373, concerning settlements of tax collectors, and G.S. 105-378, concerning limitation on use of remedies, to remove obsolete language concerning tax lien sales. The proposal further makes technical amendments to the affected statutes.

(GSC DN 18-5)

2. **An act to update the mailing method of notice to a judgment debtor of an execution sale of real property.** This proposal amends G.S. 1-339.54, concerning notice to judgment debtor of an execution sale of real property, to allow the sheriff to send a copy of the notice of execution sale by registered mail or certified mail, return receipt requested, to the judgment debtor's last address. The proposal also makes technical amendments to the affected statute.

(GSC DN 18-6)

3. **An act to update the industrial banks article, to provide that a settlement agent may disburse settlement proceeds in reliance on a check drawn on the account of or issued by a licensed mortgage lender, and to make technical amendments to the banking laws.** This proposal was requested by the Office of the Commissioner of Banks to update Article 11 of Chapter 53 of the General Statutes relating to industrial banks. The proposal also amends the Good Funds Settlement Act to provide that a settlement agent may disburse settlement proceeds in reliance on a check drawn on the account of or issued by a licensed mortgage lender. The proposal also makes technical amendments to the affected statutes and other banking statutes.

4. **An act to eliminate provisions that broadly criminalize violations of rules of certain licensing boards and commissions and to make technical amendments in the surrounding language.** This proposal eliminates provisions that broadly criminalize violations of rules of the following licensing boards and commissions: State Banking Commission, Cemetery Commission, Private Protective Services Board, Alarm Systems Licensing Board, State Board of Examiners of Electrical Contractors, State Board of Dental Examiners, State Board of Examiners in Optometry, Board of Examiners for Nursing Home Administrators, State Board of Environmental Health Specialist Examiners, and Medical Care Commission. A draft of the proposal was circulated to these boards and commissions, which have no objections known to the General Statutes Commission as of the date of this biennial report. The proposal also makes technical amendments to the affected statutes.

(GSC DN 19-2)

5. **An act to clarify the trust exclusion to the rule against perpetuities and to make technical amendments in the surrounding language.** This proposal would implement a recommendation of the Estate Planning and Fiduciary Law Section of the North Carolina Bar Association to revise North Carolina's Uniform Statutory Rule Against Perpetuities Act to clarify that the Rule does not apply to nonvested property interests or powers of appointment over property or property interests of trusts to which G.S. 41-23 ("Perpetuities and suspension of power of alienation for trusts") applies. Specifically, the proposal clarifies that if G.S. 41-23 governs the validity of a trust, then G.S. 41-15 ("Statutory rule against perpetuities") does not apply to nonvested property interests in or fiduciary or nonfiduciary powers of appointment over property or interests in property of that trust. The proposal also makes technical amendments to the affected statutes.

(GSC DN 20-2)

6. **An act [to update the definitions of "terms of a trust" and "trust instrument" and] to amend the article on power holders of trusts to expand the definition of "power holder" and the power of a power holder, to elaborate on the duties and liabilities of a power holder and a trustee, and to provide default rules regarding limitations of actions against power holders, defenses in actions against power holders, vacancies in the office of power holders, and bonds of power holders.** This proposal would implement recommendations of the Estate Planning and Fiduciary Law Section of the North Carolina Bar Association [to update the definitions of "terms of a trust" and "trust instrument" in the North Carolina Uniform Trust Code and] to amend Article 8A of the Trust Code on power holders of trusts to expand the definition of "power holder" and the power of a power holder, to elaborate on the duties and liabilities of a power holder and a trustee, and to provide default rules regarding limitations of actions against power holders, defenses in actions against power holders, vacancies in the office of power holders, and bonds of power holders.

7. **An act to clarify the effects of a default bid in private judicial sales and public or private partition sales.** This proposal clarifies that a defaulting bidder is liable on the bid in a private judicial sale, like in a public judicial sale, and that in a partition sale, any party to the partition proceeding or the officer or person designated to make the sale may petition the court to revoke its order of confirmation if the purchaser has defaulted on the purchaser's bid.

(GSC DN 20-5)

8. **An act to remove the location requirement for holographic wills to align North Carolina with all other states recognizing holographic wills.** This proposal amends G.S. 28A-2A-9 (Manner of probate of holographic will) and G.S. 31-3.4 (Holographic will) to remove the location requirement for holographic wills to align North Carolina with all other states recognizing holographic wills. The proposal has been circulated to the North Carolina Bar Association, the North Carolina Conference of Clerks of Superior Court, and others, which have no objections known to the General Statutes Commission as of the date of this biennial report. The proposal also makes technical amendments to the affected statutes.

(GSC DN 20-6)

In addition to these proposals, the Commission recommends for introduction its usual technical corrections bill, which corrects errors in grammar, erroneous statutory references, and other obvious errors and makes other technical changes in the General Statutes.

PENDING DOCKETS (dockets not covered in pending legislation)

- (1) Uniform Partnership Act (1992)
(GSC DN 93-8)
- (2) Retaining Safeguards for Public Records
(GSC DN 97-6)
- (3) Certification of Questions of Law
(GSC DN 05-2)
- (4) Gender Neutralization of Constitution and Statutes
(GSC DN 09-5)
- (5) Revised Uniform Unincorporated Nonprofit Association Act
(GSC DN 10-2)
- (6) G.S. 1A-1, Rule 53 (Referees)
(GSC DN 14-8)

- (7) G.S. 1A-1, Rule 70 (Judgment for Specific Acts; Vesting Title)
(GSC DN 14-9)
- (8) Revised Uniform Athlete Agents Act
(GSC DN 15-7)
- (9) Revised Uniform Unclaimed Property Act
(GSC DN 17-2)
- (10) Partition
(GSC DN 17-3)
- (11) Uniform Guardianship, Conservatorship, and Other Protective Arrangements Act
(GSC DN 18-4A)
- (12) Recordation of Bankruptcy Discharge
(GSC DN 18-7)
- (13) Uniform Electronic Wills Act
(GSC DN 20-4)

Please note that older dockets may be kept open if they present ongoing issues.

CONCLUSION

The General Statutes Commission is continuing its work as this report is prepared. Work not completed in time for submission to the 2021 General Assembly will be carried over into the next biennium.

In submitting this report, the Commission wishes to make grateful acknowledgment of the cooperation and support received from Mr. Paul Y. Coble, Legislative Services Officer of the North Carolina General Assembly, and Ms. Kory Goldsmith, Director of the Legislative Drafting Division of the North Carolina General Assembly. The Commission is especially indebted to Mr. Floyd M. Lewis, Revisor of Statutes, Mr. David C. Unwin, Assistant Revisor of Statutes, Ms. Caroline Sorensen, Staff Attorney with the Legislative Drafting Division of the North Carolina General Assembly, and Ms. Veronica Scott, Senior Legislative Secretary with the Legislative Drafting Division of the North Carolina General Assembly, for their dedicated service during the biennium. In addition, the Commission wishes to express its appreciation for the valuable services rendered by Professor Andrew J. Haile, Ms. Kama Bethel Pierce, and Ms. Marguerite I. Most, who served as members of the Commission.

The Commission especially wishes to express its deepest appreciation to Ms. Patricia Bly Hall, former Assistant Revisor of Statutes, who rendered excellent, professional, untiring, and

devoted service to the Commission for over 32 years prior to her retirement during the biennium.

The Commission also wishes to express its appreciation for the efforts of the following persons who provided valuable assistance with the Commission's proposal to incorporate land use provisions enacted in 2019 into the new Chapter 160D of the General Statutes: Professor David W. Owens, Gladys Hall Coates Professor of Public Law and Government at the University of North Carolina School of Government, Mr. Mike Carpenter, Executive Vice President and General Counsel of the North Carolina Home Builders Association, Mr. Tim Minton, Director of Government Affairs of the North Carolina Home Builders Association, and Mr. Craig D. Justus with the Van Winkle Law Firm.

The Commission also wishes to express its appreciation for the efforts of the numerous persons who, in addition to the Partition Task Force, provided valuable assistance with the Commission's proposal to modernize the partition of property statutes. The Commission wishes to especially thank the following persons: Professor Meredith Smith, Albert and Gladys Hall Coates Distinguished Term Associate Professor of Public Law and Government at the University of North Carolina School of Government, Ms. Jamie L. Lassiter, Executive Director of the Conference of Clerks of Superior Court, and Ms. Mildred R. Spearman of the Administrative Office of the Courts.

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The Commission is most appreciative of the dedicated service of the members of the General Statutes Commission's Trusts Drafting Committee and Partition Task Force, as well as the assistance of the many groups that have cooperated with the Commission in its work, the members of the Bar, and others who have offered assistance and advice during the biennium.

This the [8th day of January] 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

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